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SUBJECT: JAPANESE DIPLOMAT URGES CAUTION IN NEW US INITIATIVES
TOWARD PRC

1. SUMMARY. MID-LEVEL GAIMUSHO DIPLOMAT URGED
CAUTIOUS US CHINA POLICY ON GROUNDS THAT US BARGAINING
SUCCESS WITH PEKING IS A CRITICAL FACTOR IN ACHIEVING
A BALANCE IN JAPANESE CHINA POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. GAIMUSHO DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INDIA/PAKISTAN AFFAIRS,
SHIGENOBU YOSHIDA DISCUSSED THE EFFECTS OF US CHINA
POLICY ON GOJ POSITIONS IN CONVERSATION WITH
EMBOFF RECENTLY PASSING THROUGH TOKYO. DURING HIS PREVIOUS
ASSIGNMENT IN TAIWAN, YOSHIDA WAS VERY
OPEN ABOUT HIS SYMPATHY FOR THE TAIWANESE COMMUNITY.
WHILE NOT CURRENTLY IN CHINA FIELD, YOSHIDA CLAIMS
CLOSE PERSONAL TIES TO GAIMUSHO CHINA EXPERTS AND
HAS MADE TDY TRIP TO PEKING.

2. YOSHIDA ASKED ABOUT HONG KONG RUMORS THAT US
WOULD RECOGNIZE PEKING THIS YEAR, PROBABLY AS A
CONSEQUENCE OF FORTHCOMING KISSINGER VISIT. WHILE
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PROFESSING ACCEPTANCE OF EMBOFF'S COMMENT THAT

HONG KONG RUMORS NO MORE THAN THAT, YOSHIDA NEVER-
THE LESS MAINTAINED THAT RUMORS ARE SO PERSISTENT
THAT GAIMUSHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF US
"HASTE" IN FURTHER INITIATIVES TOWARD PEKING. UNTIMELY
US INITIATIVES WOULD, HE ASSERTED, UNDERMINE THOSE IN GOJ
SEEKING TO ACHIEVE A BALANCED CHINA POLICY.

3. YOSHIDA SAID TWO GROUPS ARE SEEKING TO PRESERVE
JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH TAIPEI EVEN IF THIS RESULTS
IN SLOWING RAPPROCHEMENT WITH PEKING. CONSERVATIVE
DIET MEMBEERS" OWING DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO ROC"
GRADUALLY HAVE BEEN EXPANDING THEIR INFLUENCE BY
PLAYING ON "GUILT FEELINGS" ABOUT BROKEN TREATY
COMMITMENTS. SECOND AND ULTIMATELY MORE IMPORTANT
GROUP, ACCORDING YOSHIDA, ARE "PROFESSIONAL POLICY
MAKERS" WHO BELIEVE US SUCCESS IN AVOIDING
UNNECESSARY CONCESSIONS IN DEVELOPING
RELATIONS WITH PEKING SHOULD BE MODEL FOR GOJ.

4. ACCORDING TO YOSHIDA, GAIMUSHO IS CONCERNED
THAT SPEEDY US RECOGNITION OF THE PRC OR OTHER
MAJOR CONCESSIONS CARRY RISKS FOR EA AND
JAPAN IN PARTICULAR THAT OUTWEIGH ANY POTENTIAL
BENEFITS THAT US MIGHT SACRIFICE BY PURSUING MORE
CAUTIOUS POLICY. MAJOR DANGER, SAID YOSHIDA, IS
THAT THOSE IN JAPAN FAVORING "SENSIBLE CHINA POLICY"
WOULD BE UNDERMINED. HE CITED CURRENT JAPANESE
POSTURE ON CIVIL AIR AGREEMENT AS EXAMPLE OF POSITION
WHICH COULD NOT BE HELD IF US MOVED TOO FAST.

5. EMBASSY TOKYO MAY WISH TO COMMENT.
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